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TOWN OFFICERS 1953-1954

Town Clerk

PEARL F. SMITH

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

JENNIE J. BRACKETT

ROBERT McCORMACK

MARY F. PHILBRICK

Treasurer and Collector

ALICE L. HAMMOND

Superintendent of Schools

HUBERT REDDING

School Committee

PRISCILLA BACON

PERCY VAN NOTE

HORACE DRUMMOND

Road Commissioner

C. D. CLARK

Health Officer

MARIE GRAVES, R.N.

Constables

WILLIAM W. COWAN

MALCOLM C. PHILBRICK

ROBERT McCORMACK

Fire Ward

C. WILMOT GIFFORD

Chiefs of Fire Departments

ROBERT McCORMACK

LESLIE LATHE

ORVILLE TANNER

Members of Budget Committee

ERNEST WYMAN

ALONZO DAVIS

ROBERT McCORMACK

GEORGE MENDALL

DEAN BAILEY

LENDALL GOFF

GEORGE POTTER

Alternates

C. WILMOT GIFFORD

LESLIE LATHE

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING FOR 1954

To W. W. Cowan, Constable of Sidney, County of Kennebec:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Sidney qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the eighth day of March, A. D. 1954 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.

Art. 2. To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year in accordance with Sections 38 to 52 of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, thereto, to wit: Town Clerk, Three Selectmen who shall serve as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Road Commissioner and one member of the School Committee to serve for three years. The Polls or Ballot Box for receiving ballots for the above mentioned officers shall be opened at 9:30 A. M., and shall be closed at 2:30 P. M.

Art. 3. To choose a Fire Ward.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

(Budget Committee recommends \$45.00)

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 for public health nursing in Sidney, said sum to be expended by the Maine Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service.

(Budget Committee recommends \$100.00)

Art. 6. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray Town Charges.

(Budget Committee recommends \$4,000.00)

Art. 7. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children.

(Budget Committee recommends \$500.00)

Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Support of Poor.

(Budget Committee recommends \$1,000.00)

Art. 9. To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$50.00) fifty dollars to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

(Budget Committee — no recommendation)

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to hold a Town Fair in 1954 and if so, to choose officers and one director and raise money for the same.

(Budget Committee recommends \$50.00)

Art. 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying indebtedness of the Town, such loans to be paid during the current municipal year by taxes.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and Federal Government in the Control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chapter 22, Section 54.

(Budget Committee — no recommendation)

Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to duly advertise and sell at Public Auction any

Real Estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to assign tax lien mortgages, assigned only by the unanimous approval of the Selectmen, for the amount of tax, interest and costs due.

Art. 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Construction (in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges) under provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944, as amended.

(Budget Committee recommends \$1,066.00)

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to raise in behalf of said Town, the sum of three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) and to give the note or notes of the Town for said amount for the purpose of paying or refunding in whole or in part the outstanding indebtedness incurred for State Aid Highway construction which now has or may hereafter become due, said Town having the legal right to raise money for said purpose; said amount not to be included among any loans which may be procured in anticipation of taxes for the current municipal year.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer from cash on hand amounts needed, when necessary, so as to make payments to the Depositors Trust Co. to the next even hundreds of dollars.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Road Planning Committee, or take any other action thereon.

(Budget Committee recommends to raise \$500.00 and transfer \$2,500.00 from excise money)

Art. 19. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highways and Bridges.

(Budget Committee recommends \$3,200.00, \$200.00 to be reserved for winter use.)

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Highways.

(Budget Committee recommends \$6,485.00)

Art. 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to transfer from the excise account enough money to pay for gravel used on Town Road Improvement Fund Construction in 1954.

(Budget Committee in favor)

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from excise the sum of \$600.00, same to be divided equally between the Pond Road, Middle Road and River Road Fire Departments this money to be used for maintenance and equipment.

(Budget Committee recommends \$600.00 be transferred from excise)

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from cash on hand the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) plus a minimum of 15 cents per capita of population for Civil Defense.

(Budget Committee recommends an amount, not to exceed \$350.00 be taken out of cash on hand, if and when the emergency arises)

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept the sum of eight dollars (\$8.00) from Albert Tardiff in full payment for the balance of a matured tax lien of 1948 and instruct the Selectmen to execute a quit claim deed for the same.

(Budget Committee in favor)

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to sell the Town Gravel Pit to James Pelotte for the sum of \$1,000.00 and instruct the Selectmen to execute a quit claim deed for the same.

(Budget Committee — no action)

Art. 26. To see what action the inhabitants of the Town wish to take in regard to salaries for the following Town officials: Town

Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioner, School Committee members, moderator and constables.

(Budget Committee — no action)

Art. 27. To see what action the inhabitants of the Town wish to take in regards to wages for road work employees.

(Budget Committee — no action)

Art. 28. To choose one or more members to the Road Planning Committee for 1954.

Art. 29. To choose a Budget Committee for 1954.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to set dates when taxes for 1954 shall be due and payable.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount on taxes for 1954, fix the dates and amount of discount.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a complete revaluation of the Town, or take any other action.

Art. 33. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Common School Fund.

(Budget Committee recommends \$23,150.00)

Art. 34. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Special School Account.

(Budget Committee recommends \$734.00)

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to build a consolidated school, or take any other action.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to form a School Building Committee, set the number to serve and elect members for the same.

Art. 37. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair of School Buildings.

(Budget Committee — no recommendation)

Art. 38. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for seats and desks for the School Buildings.

(Budget Committee recommends \$550.00)

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to increase the School Building Fund now held in trust.

(Budget Committee recommends a minimum sum of \$2,000.00 be raised)

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase paper cups for the school pupils.

(Budget Committee — no recommendation)

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept donations towards a Capital Reserve Fund for a School Building.

(Budget Committee in favor)

Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the blueberries on the land formerly owned by Arthur Robinson, on June 5, 1954 at 2:00 P. M. by sealed bids to the highest bidder. The Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for calcium chloride for the highways.

(Budget Committee recommends \$150.00)

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the purpose of insuring Town employees.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the purpose of liability insurance for the Town's protection.

Art. 46. To see what action, if any, the Town wishes to take in regard to the use and letting of the Town and Grange Hall.

Art. 47. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office for the purpose of correcting the list of voters at 8:30 o'clock in the forenoon of the day of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon with the Clerk of said Town on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, 1954.

JENNIE J. BRACKETT

ROBERT McCORMACK

MARY F. PHILBRICK

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Sidney:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending February 10, 1954.

VALUATION AND TAX

Resident real estate	\$311,670.00	
Non-resident real estate	155,155.00	
Total real estate		\$466,825.00
Resident personal estate	\$132,351.00	
Non-resident personal estate	9,223.00	
Total personal estate		\$141,574.00
Grand total valuation		\$608,399.00
Tax on above at 71 mills	\$ 43,196.33	
218 polls at \$3.00	654.00	
Fractional gain	1.33	
		\$ 43,851.66

APPROPRIATIONS

Town charges	\$ 4,000.00
Aid to Dependent children	500.00
Support of poor	1,000.00
Health Nurse	100.00
Memorial Day	20.00
Town Fair	100.00
State Aid construction	1,066.00
Winter Highways	7,685.00
Highways and Bridges	3,200.00
Road Planning Committee	500.00
Common Schools	21,395.00
Special school account	660.00

School repairs	1,000.00
School seats and desks	550.00
Fire Departments	600.00
Town Cemetery Lot	10.00
Calcium chloride	150.00
Civil Defense	50.00
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Total appropriations	\$ 42,586.00
County Tax	953.25
Overlay	312.41
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	\$ 43,851.66

PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSED IN 1953

	No.	
Horses	47	\$ 2,820.00
Beef cattle	48	2,640.00
Milk cows	823	53,495.00
2 yr. olds	91	4,550.00
18 mos.	139	3,475.00
Domestic fowl (over 50 in number)	93,736	24,735.00
Stock in trade		5,611.00
Portable mills	1	550.00
Gasoline pumps	14	1,300.00
Radios	252	3,250.00
Electrical appliances		18,040.00
Tractors (not excised)	84	9,448.00
Machinery and equipment		5,090.00
Other property		6,570.00
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EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	
Cattle, (18 mos. and under)	599	\$ 8,985.00
Sheep under 35 in number	6	30.00
Kids and goats under 35 in number	14	\$ 70.00

Swine, under 10 in number	5	100.00
Domestic fowl (to 50 in number)	1,453	889.00
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		\$ 10,074.00

TOWN POOR

Town Case No. 1:

Dr. Fenwick	\$	48.00	
Osteopathic Hospital		15.85	
Sherrard's Convalescent Home		80.50	
Dr. Roscoe Mitchell		16.00	
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			\$ 160.35

Town Case No. 2:

South End Filling Station, oil	\$	23.25	
Peter Cote, rent		6.00	
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			\$ 29.25

Town Case No. 3:

Groceries	\$	22.00	
Lionel Vigue, oil		15.50	
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			\$ 37.50

Town Case No. 4:

Prescriptions filled	\$	53.64	
Dr. Dachslager		4.00	
Dr. Wales		43.35	
Dr. Melindy		5.00	
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			\$ 105.99

Town Case No. 5:

Dr. Mitchell	\$	12.00	
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			\$ 12.00

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Town Case No. 6:

Eva Cowan's Convalescent Home	\$	50.00	
Dr. E. P. Williams		3.00	
			\$ 53.00

Town Case No. 7:

Caron, room and board	\$	126.00	
Atherton's		4.89	
Sisters Hospital		60.00	
Cyr's Drug Store		8.50	
			\$ 199.39

War Veterans Case No. 1:

City of Augusta	\$	94.70	
			\$ 94.70

SUMMARY: TOWN POOR

Appropriation			\$1,000.00
Received on Town Case No. 1			12.25
Expended	\$	692.18	
Unexpended		320.07	
		\$1,012.25	\$1,012.25

OTHER TOWN'S POOR

Case No. 1:

True's Drug Store			\$.75
Dr. Mitchell			16.00
Dr. Runyan			5.00
Houdlette's Drug Store			6.00
Received from Town of Oakland	\$	27.75	
	\$	27.75	\$ 27.75

Case No. 2:

Dutil, groceries			\$ 40.05
Received from Town of Readfield	\$	40.05	

SUMMARY: OTHER TOWN'S POOR

Expended		\$ 67.80
Received from Town of Oakland	\$ 27.75	
Received from Town of Readfield	40.05	
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	\$ 67.80	\$ 67.80

STATE POOR

True's Drug Store		\$ 1.30
Dr. Mitchell		11.00
Curtis Pharmacy		2.50
Transportation		6.00
Dr. Runyan		3.00
Dr. Mitchell		3.00
Received from State Treasurer	\$ 26.80	
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	\$ 26.80	\$ 26.80

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Paid State Treasurer	\$ 255.72	
Unexpended	244.28	
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	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

STATE HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Paid State Treasurer	\$ 100.00	

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$ 20.00
Received from Velina Ellis, Secretary		6.00
Paid Velina Ellis, Secretary	\$ 20.00	
Unexpended	6.00	
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	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00

TOWN FAIR

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Paid Rita Lathe, Secretary	\$ 100.00	

TRUST FUNDS

	Expended	Rec'd from fund
Friends Cemetery	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Mary Shaw	2.00	2.00
Sibley	2.00	2.00
Reynolds Hill	19.00	19.00
Barton	7.25	7.25
Drummond	2.61	2.61
Tolman	1.77	1.77
Taylor	11.40	11.40
Woodward	7.60	7.60
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	\$ 56.63	\$ 56.63

WITHHOLDING TAX

Balance from 1953		\$ 49.70
Withholdings Feb. 10, 1953 —		
Feb. 10, 1954		1,006.95
Paid Director Internal Revenue	\$ 919.65	
Balance carried forward	137.00	
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	\$1,056.65	\$1,056.65

RETIREMENT

Balance		\$ 86.53
Received during 1953		558.55
Adjustment	\$.68	
Paid Maine State Retirement System	338.15	
Paid Maine Employees Retirement System	275.20	
Balance on hand	31.05	
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	\$ 645.08	\$ 645.08

WINTER HIGHWAYS

Appropriation		\$7,685.00
Received from State (1952-1953)		2,297.50
L. D. Goff contract	\$9,887.50	
Paid Treasurer for State highway (1953-1954)	83.20	
Unexpended	11.80	
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	\$9,982.50	\$9,982.50

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation		\$3,200.00
Expended for labor and gravel	\$2,455.06	
Road commissioner	595.00	
Culverts	149.94	
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	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00

CALCIUM CHLORIDE

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
Labor	\$ 25.93	
Calcium	120.39	
Road Commissioner	10.00	
Overdraft		6.32
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	\$ 156.32	\$ 156.32

STATE AID NO. 1 SUMMARY

Balance due Depositors Trust Co., Feb. 10, 1953	\$6,700.00	
Received from State Treasurer S. A. Allotment		\$2,132.00
Appropriation		1,066.00
Transferred from cash on hand		2.00
Balance due Depositors Trust Co., Feb. 10, 1954		3,500.00
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	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00

ROAD PLANNING

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Transferred from excise tax		2,500.00
Expended by committee	\$2,868.78	
Unexpended	1.13	
Road Commissioner	130.09	
	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

Apportioned by State 1953		\$4,228.76
Balance 1952		14.51
Labor	\$3,717.56	
Culverts, etc.	477.18	
Unexpended	48.53	
	<u>\$4,243.27</u>	<u>\$4,243.27</u>

This money was expended on the Quaker and Philbrick Roads, starting at the residence of William B. Haskell and extending to the residence of John C. Philbrick, a distance of 1.7 miles. There is a distance of approximately 4.5 miles to be finished with future funds.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Paid Volunteer Fire Departments	\$ 600.00	

TOWN CEMETERY LOT

Appropriation		\$ 10.00
Paid Henry Ouellette	\$ 10.00	

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation		\$ 50.00
Paid LaVerdiere's Drug Store	\$ 50.00	

COUNTY TAX

Assessed		\$ 953.25
Paid to County Treasurer	\$ 953.25	

OVERLAY

Assessed		\$ 312.41
Transferred to general cash	\$ 312.41	

EXCISE TAX

1953 Tax		\$2,933.15
1954 Tax		1,159.66
Transferred to Road Planning	\$2,500.00	
Transferred to TRIF for gravel	411.20	
Transferred to General Cash	1,181.61	
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	\$4,092.81	\$4,092.81

TOWN CHARGES

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00	
Edward Brickett, rent	135.00	
Interest and costs	90.58	
Gladys Cummings, blueberries	50.00	
Licenses	7.00	
Bank Stock Tax	76.05	
Reimbursement, fire fighting	7.98	
Reimbursement, water analysis	3.90	
Dog licenses, refund	43.14	
R. R. and Tel. Tax	15.00	
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		\$ 4,428.65

EXPENDITURES

Salaries

Jennie Brackett, First Selectman	\$	394.00
Robert McCormack, Second Selectman		397.00
Mary F. Philbrick, Third Selectman		450.00
Alice L. Hammond, Treasurer and Collector		550.00
Pearl Smith, Town Clerk		150.00
W. W. Cowan, Constable		30.50
Marie Graves, R. N.		30.00
Ray E. Philbrick, ballot clerk		12.00
Bigelow Barnard, ballot clerk		12.00
E. C. Wyman, ballot clerk		12.00
Storer Tanner, ballot clerk		12.00
Horace H. Drummond, moderator		9.00
Horace H. Drummond, school board		39.00
Percy Van Note, school board		45.00
Priscilla Bacon, school board		45.00
Charles Booker, Sealer of weights and measures		12.00
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		\$ 2,199.50

Office Supplies and Expenses:

Marks Printing House	\$	82.76
Pearl Smith, office expenses		14.50
Augusta Print Shop		8.00
Depositors Trust Co., check books		7.47
Alice L. Hammond, postage, etc.		37.64
Hutchins Bros.		3.70
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		\$ 154.07

Miscellaneous:

Roland Parks, snow removal at Town Hall	\$	15.00
Macomber, Farr & Whitten		
Treasurer's and Collector's Bond		25.00
Margaret Smith, transfers		22.00

Fox & Ginn Co., express on blade	1.60
Harold Kimball, road machine repairs	4.52
Rollins-Dunham Co., bush cutter	6.75
Sears Roebuck Co., bush hook	4.31
North Wayne Tool Co., pruner	2.00
Brooks Hardware Co., part for road machine	2.95
Files O'Keefe Co., parts for road machine	12.00
Murray Machine Co., parts for road machine	11.95
Roger Wright, dusting blueberries	6.09
John Brophy, blueberry dust	3.30
Waterville Sentinel, ads	2.80
Kennebec Journal, ads	3.00
LaVerdiere's Drug Store, supplies	4.87
George and Rita Lewis, janitor	9.00
Malcolm D. Philbrick, mowing Lincoln cemetery	2.00
Maine Municipal Association, dues	35.00
State Treasurer, audit 1953	189.91
Waterville Builders Supply Co., shingles	29.00
Augusta Print Shop, printing road signs	9.14
Mary F. Philbrick, postage	2.00
Jennie Brackett, postage	5.14
Alice L. Hammond, postage	12.51
Sidney Grange, cord wood	19.00
Pearl Smith, recording oaths	1.00
Alice L. Hammond, liens	30.00
Augusta Savings Bank, Hammond Trust Fund	150.00
Augusta Savings Bank, Friends Cemetery Fund	101.66
Registry of Deeds, discharges	14.50
City Job Print, 400 Town Reports	290.70
City Job Print, 300 ballots Town Meeting	15.25
Depositors Trust Co., service charge	2.41
State Treasurer, water analysis	27.30
Bailey Farm, postage	.98
Registry of Deeds, recording liens	15.00

\$ 1,089.64

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Telephone	\$	47.60	
Fire fighting		15.95	
			\$ 63.55
Insurance:			
Oxford Ins. Co., Town Hall	\$	58.00	
J. B. Friel, Co., Inc., Robinson house		10.00	
Wm. E. Hambleton Co., Industrial accident in accordance with Art. 43		142.74	
Wm. E. Hambleton Co., liability insurance		50.00	
Wm. E. Hambleton Ins. Co., schoolhouse		7.50	
			\$ 268.24
Interest:			
Depositors Trust Co., highway loan	\$	176.36	
Depositors Trust Co., temporary loan		254.25	
			\$ 430.61
Rebate on Taxes:			
Stanley Cummings, excise tax	\$	4.97	
			\$ 4.97

SUMMARY TOWN CHARGES

Appropriation	\$4,000.00	
Receipts itemized above		428.65
Paid for:		
Salaries	\$2,199.50	
Office supplies and expenses	154.07	
Miscellaneous	1,089.64	
Telephone	47.60	
Firefighting	15.95	
Insurance	268.24	
Interest	430.61	
Rebate on Taxes	4.97	
Unexpended	218.07	
	\$4,428.65	\$4,428.65

Comments and Notices: The time schedule for the annual Town Meeting is as follows: The Meeting will be called at 9:00 A. M. and a Moderator chosen. The ballot box for receiving ballots for the election of Town Officers shall be opened at 9.30 A. M. and shall be closed at 2:30 P. M. The meeting will be called to order by the Moderator at 10:00 A. M. for the purpose of acting on other articles in the Warrant. Counting the ballots and announcing the names of those elected will be the last order of the meeting.

The Assessors of the Town of Sidney will be in session at the Town Office on the first day of April at 10:00 o'clock in the morning for the purpose of revising lists of the polls and estates taxable in said Town. Inhabitants of the Town are hereby notified to bring into the Assessors lists of their polls and all their estates, real and personal, which are required of them in accordance with Chapter 81, R. S. 1944, as amended. The Assessors especially urge Executors, Administrators, or other persons interested, in estates of persons deceased, which have been distributed during the past year, or have changed hands from any cause, to notify the Assessors of such change.

And any resident owner who neglects to comply with this notice is thereby barred of his right to make application to the Assessors or the County Commissioners, for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer it at the time appointed.

As this Town Report went to press, it was understood that Supt. of Schools, Hubert Redding planned to be present at the annual Town Meeting at approximately 2:00 P. M.

The Maine State Library, Augusta, lacks the following Town Reports of Sidney for the years 1876, 1882, 1893, 1897, 1898 and anything prior to 1872 and would appreciate information about available reports.

Respectfully submitted,
JENNIE J. BRACKETT
ROBERT McCORMACK
MARY F. PHILBRICK

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 10, 1954

Cash on hand, February 10, 1953	\$ 4,900.97
Reserved for trust funds to be created	251.66

Add cash receipts itemized below	\$83,044.86
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Total Available	\$88,197.49
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Cash disbursements	
Selectmen's warrants No. 1-39	80,402.65

Cash balance, February 10, 1954	\$ 7,794.84
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Itemized receipts:

Name	From State	Other Sources	Totals
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Tax Collector:

1952 tax	\$	52.54	
1953 commitment		42,952.70	
1953 supplement		97.83	
1953 excise		2,933.15	
1954 excise		1,159.66	
1954 tax clubs		34.91	
			\$47,230.79

Tax liens:

1952	\$	262.71	
1951		207.59	
			470.30

General Government:

Licenses		7.00	
Sale of blueberries		50.00	
Refund, Memorial Day appropriation		6.00	
Center Sidney P. T. C.		3.90	
Bank Stock	\$	76.05	
Dog Licenses Refunded		43.14	
R. R. and Tel. Tax		15.00	
Interest and Costs		90.58	
Rent of School House		135.00	
	\$	359.77	\$ 66.90
			\$ 426.67

Charity:

State Poor	\$ 26.80		
Town of Readfield		\$ 40.05	
Donation, Case No. 1		12.25	
Town of Oakland		27.75	
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	\$ 26.80	\$ 80.05	\$ 106.85

Highways:

State Aid Construction	\$2,132.00		
Winter	2,297.50		
T.R.I.F.	4,194.74		
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	\$8,624.24		\$8,624.24

Education:

Rebate on Insurance		2.91	
Sanford Trust Fund		32.44	
School fund	11,520.55		
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	11,520.55	35.35	11,555.90

Temporary Loans

Depositors Trust Co.		13,000.00	13,000.00
Cemeteries:			
Interest on Trust funds		56.63	56.63
Miscellaneous:			
Forestry Department	7.98		7.98
Withholding tax		1,006.95	1,006.95
Retirement		558.55	558.55

Total Cash Receipts		<hr/>	\$83,044.86
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Respectfully submitted,

ALICE L. HAMMOND

Treasurer

DETAIL OF TAX LIENS

February 10, 1954

	Total	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
*Arsenault, Arthur \$	67.50	\$	\$ 21.30	\$23.40	\$22.80	\$	\$
Arthur, Charles	14.20	14.20					
*Benway, Mrs. Cephus	7.80			7.80			
*Bolduc, Leo	68.40			23.40	22.80	22.20	
Breton, Alfred and Delvina	191.70	99.40	92.30				
Corey, George	86.98	44.38	42.60				
Crockett, Gertrude	1.42	1.42					
*Dexter, Keith	9.00		2.84	3.12	3.04		
Ellis, Luther	28.40	28.40					
*Godbout, Willie	121.88				41.80	40.70	39.38
Grivois, L. James and Ruth	40.83	40.83					
Keene, Fred	40.61	40.61					
Keene, Lois	31.95	31.95					
Kennebec Brick Co.	42.60	42.60					
*McLaughlin, James	46.20	14.91	14.91	16.38			
Painter, Bernard	23.08	23.08					
McLellan, Woodrow	92.30	49.70	42.60				
Rodrigue, Alphonse	54.43		54.43				
*Tardiff, Albert	3.23						3.23
Woodward, Arnold	51.48	51.48					
*Wyman, Mildred	9.40	3.55		5.85			
Wintle, A. and M. Morse	10.65	10.65					
	\$1,044.04	\$497.16	\$270.98	\$79.95	\$90.44	\$62.90	\$42.61

*Property of Town

RECEIPTS ON TAX LIENS

	Total	1952	1951
Arthur, Charles	\$ 29.80	\$ 14.20	\$ 15.60
Breton, A. and D.	30.14		30.14
Brown, Theodore	52.15	24.85	27.30
Corey, George	46.80		46.80
Ellis, Luther	59.60	28.40	31.20
Grivois, L. J. and Ruth	37.28	37.38	
Gorfinkle, Rose	21.30	21.30	
Landry, Mary	44.70	21.30	23.40
Phillips heirs	35.50	35.50	

Jacques, Nelson	63.33	30.18	33.15
Woodward, Arnold	49.70	49.70	
	<u>\$ 470.30</u>	<u>\$ 262.71</u>	<u>\$ 207.59</u>

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNT

Value of liens Feb. 10, 1953	\$ 1,076.78
Add 1953 liens recorded Feb. 4, 1954	497.16
	<u>\$ 1,573.94</u>
Deduct:	
Receipts during 1953	\$ 470.30
Adjustment 1952 lien	28.40
Adjustment 1953 lien	31.20
	<u>529.90</u>
Value of all liens Feb. 10, 1954	<u>\$ 1,044.04</u>

TRUST FUNDS

Name	Balance 2/10/53	Interest Earned	Withdrawn	Balance 2/10/54
Cemetery or lot:				
Hartson T. Bragg	\$ 105.61	\$ 2.63	\$.....	\$ 108.24
Albert G. Barnard	158.79	3.97	162.76
Albert M. Drummond	338.45	8.49	347.14
Reynold's Hill	482.82	9.70	19.00	473.52
Drummond	299.39	5.01	2.61	302.79
Woodward	203.51	4.09	7.60	200.00
Taylor	305.27	6.13	11.40	300.00
Mary Shaw	158.61	3.19	2.00	159.80
Sibley lot	305.74	6.14	2.00	309.88
Barton	214.58	4.31	7.25	211.64
Friends'	101.66	2.53	3.00	101.19
Carlos Hammond	150.00	2.77	102.77
Tolman	101.77	2.04	1.77	102.04
School:				
Bacon's Corner	1,278.76	25.70	1,304.46

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND SCHOOL BUILDING

	Balance 2/10/53	Interest	Balance 2/10/54
Kennebec Savings Bank	\$3,579.64	\$ 90.04	\$3,669.68
Augusta Savings Bank	3,028.96	76.17	3,105.13
Total fund			\$6,774.81

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE L. HAMMOND,

Treasurer

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Sidney:

In accordance with the State Law, I herewith submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools:

During the past year, Sidney has operated the usual number of schools; namely, six. However, there is a question as to how long the town can get along with only six classrooms. In several schools, the number of pupils is already above the maximum for efficient and good educational practice. Data showing the enrollments in the several schools, also the teachers' names and grades are as follows:

Teacher	Grades	Enrollments
Annie McLellan (Cowan School)	Sub-pri., 1, 2, 3	10, 7, 4, 2
Dorothy Willis (Carlton School)	4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9, 7, 8, 8, 4
Elinor Kidwell (Lincoln School)	Sub-pri., 1, 2, 3	16, 8, 3, 7
Ruby Burton (Holmes School)	4, 5, 6, 7, 8	8, 6, 6, 6, 7
Alice Reynolds (Longfellow School)	Sub-pri., 1, 2, 3	8, 7, 8, 8
Wenona Goff (Thayer School)	4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4, 4, 6, 3, 4

It is easily seen from a study of this table that the enrollments in the Carlton School at West Sidney, the Lincoln School on the Middle Road, and the Holmes School on the Middle Road, are all over the limit for sound education. Not only are they overcrowded from an educational point of view, but there is a very real danger of injury should a child stumble in hurrying through the narrowed aisles and passageways to the exits in case of a fire scare or other emergency.

At this time it looks as if there might be as many as forty pupils enrolled in the Carlton School at West Sidney for the school year 1954-55. The situation as predicted by the Building Committee four years ago has come to pass and something has to be done to relieve the condition.

From the school year 1944-45, to the school year 1953-54, the enrollments in Sidney Schools have increased from 129 to 178 pupils. This data is based on the September enrollments of each school year. Incidentally, there have been further increases in the Sidney Schools from September 1953, to February 1, 1954.

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES — The recommended appropriations for the coming year are to take care of the basic needs in these two important items. In order to keep the costs down to a minimum, the supplies have been bought on prices submitted by bids so that the town of Sidney has benefited from substantial savings in these items.

SEATS AND DESKS — There will be a Special Article regarding an appropriation for seats and desks. It has been a long time since new seats have been purchased in any quantity, and the time has arrived when new units will have to be purchased. There have been several cases where pupils simply had no seat and desk available, and as a last resort backless chairs, benches, and in one case an orange crate was resorted to as a result of this shortage. The seats and desks being purchased would be equally satisfactory in any type of building which the town chooses to afford.

REPAIRS — A critical issue in the Town of Sidney at the present time has to do with repair of the school buildings. For several years sums have been appropriated and spent and still the town has six old school buildings that are an annual expense. It would seem to me unwise to spend more than emergency monies on these old buildings if the town has in mind any other plan. However, if the town chooses to retain the six school buildings now in use, funds should be appropriated annually to put these buildings into good condition.

This issue cannot be longer delayed without the strong possibility of spending money unwisely to say the least. There is a question of policy which must be decided in town meeting.

The opening of another school building such as the building on the upper Middle Road in Sidney would be a large item of expense from the repair standpoint alone. The conveyance of pupils from the several grades to this school would also be a heavy item of expense for it would probably mean the transportation of pupils from nearly every part of Town. To sum the whole matter up, it is going to cost the Town of Sidney more money than it has been raising for the support and repair of its school buildings and school system, and the question is a matter of policy as to the plan the town wishes to follow in the expenditure of this money.

The present Building Committee is apparently doing a good job in the investigation of the town's educational needs. It would seem wise to continue this Committee or a similar Committee until necessary information is available upon which the town may act intelligently as well as economically in the solution of this problem which not only is imminent but also of long duration.

FINANCE — Increases in the budget are due to two items; namely, instruction and tuition. The instructional costs are only mildly higher than last year in the overall budget approximating \$40,000 for school purposes. This increase is due entirely to the new State minimum Salary Law passed by the last Legislature.

The second increase is for high school tuition expenses and is considerably larger than the cost increases for instruction. In order to show where the main increase has occurred, the following table on tuition pupils is submitted for your consideration:

School	No. of pupils	Tuition 1953-54
Coburn Classical Institute, Waterville	1	\$ 254.30
Higgins Classical Institute, Charleston	1	173.00
Belgrade High School	9	1,830.09
Williams High School, Oakland	11	2,546.81
Lawrence High School, Fairfield	1	292.80
Waterville High School	8	1,363.32
Cony High School, Augusta	22	4,951.98
	53	\$ 11,412.30

Again this year the complete budget for 1954-55 as approved by the School Board and Budget Committee is included as a part of my report. A Financial Statement of the several accounts is also included for your consideration.

For the very fine cooperation of the Citizens of Sidney during the past year, I wish to express my sincere thanks. Special appreciation goes to the School Board, Teachers, and Town Officials, who have been so helpful and cooperative in dealing with the problems in connection with the educational program of the Town of Sidney.

Respectfully submitted,

HUBERT E. REDDING,

Superintendent of Schools

SIDNEY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

BUDGET 1954-55

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

RESOURCES

	Actual 1953-1954	Estimated 1954-1955
Balance	\$ 149.46	\$ 574.65
Appropriation	21,395.00	23,150.00
State School Fund	11,520.55	11,370.55
Miscellaneous	138.77	3.80
	<hr/> \$ 33,203.78	<hr/> \$ 36,099.00

EXPENDITURES

Instruction	\$ 11,831.31	\$ 12,289.00
Fuel	781.94	800.00
Janitor	487.00	500.00
Conveyance	7,074.60	7,074.60
Textbooks	323.36	325.00

TOWN OF SIDNEY

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Supplies	344.89	350.00
Utilities	373.73	400.00
Tuition	11,412.30	13,360.40
	<u>\$ 32,629.13</u>	<u>\$ 35,099.00</u>

INSTRUCTION

Teacher	Grade	Pupils	Train.	Exp.	1953-54	1954-55
A. McLellan	S.P.-3	10-7-4-2	2 + yrs.	8 yrs.	\$1,850.00	\$1,900.00
A. Reynolds	S.P.-3	8-7-8-8	2 yrs.	16 yrs.	1,850.00	1,900.00
E. Kidwell	S.P.-3	10-5-8-6	4 yrs.	11 yrs.	2,000.00	2,300.00
W. Goff	4-8	4-4-6-3-4	2— yrs.	27 yrs.	1,850.00	1,900.00
R. Burton	4-8	8-6-6-6-7	2 + yrs.	36 yrs.	1,850.00	1,900.00
D. Willis	4-8	9-7-8-8-4	2.5 yrs.	0	1,850.00	1,900.00

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Teachers	Present Salary	State Min.	Increment	New Salary
A. McLellan	\$1,850.00	\$1,900.00	\$ 50.00	\$1,900.00
D. Willis	1,850.00	1,900.00	50.00	1,900.00
E. Kidwell	2,000.00	3,200.00	300.00	2,300.00
R. Burton	1,850.00	1,900.00	50.00	1,900.00
A. Reynolds	1,850.00	1,900.00	50.00	1,900.00
W. Goff	1,850.00	1,900.00	50.00	1,900.00

\$11,250.00

\$ 550.00

\$11,800.00

Increment effective Sept. to Feb.

\$ 275.00

Basic Salaries

11,250.00

Dorothy Miner, Supt's Office

\$ 156.00

Edith Morton, Supt's Office

208.00

Sick Leave

200.00

Contingent Fund

200.00

764.00

Total Instructional Costs

\$12,289.00

JANITORS

Six Schools 2.00 per week per school (37 weeks) \$ 444.00

Cleaning Buildings, Toilets, etc.

56.00

Total

\$ 500.00

CONVEYANCE

Leola Graves	40 weeks at 57.50	\$ 2,300.00
Orville Tanner	40 weeks at 59.36	2,374.60
Lewis Johnson	40 weeks at 60.00	2,400.00
Total		\$ 7,074.60

TUITION

Winter Term — 1953-54 (Estimated)		
Augusta	22 at \$239.30 year	\$ 1,754.94
Oakland	11 at \$307.45 year	1,096.81
Waterville	8 at \$249.02 year (Sem.)	996.08
Belgrade	9 at \$267.35 year	780.39
Fairfield	1 at \$251.33 year	72.19
Coburn	1 at \$267.35 year	81.75
		4,782.16
Spring Term — Same as winter		4,782.16
Fall Term, Estimated (1954-55) (Less Wtvl.)		3,796.08
Total		\$ 13,360.40

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

	Actual 1953-54	Estimated 1954-55
Equipment	\$ 102.00	\$ 100.00
Insurance	227.02	230.00
Superintendence	403.78	404.00
	\$ 732.80	\$ 734.00

SPECIAL ARTICLES

I. Repairs	\$ 1,500.00
1. New Roof — Lincoln School	
2. New Toilet — Holmes School	
3. Painting — Holmes School	
4. Toilets Rebuilt — Carlton School	
5. Chimney Topped — Holmes School	

6. General Repair — glass, hinges, doors, etc.	
7. Lite-site Blackboards	
8. One Coat Paint — Thayer Corner School	
II. Paper Cups (to be added to School Fund)	500.00
III. New Seats	550.00

SIDNEY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

School Maintenance Account

RECEIPTS

Balance 1952-53	\$ 149.46
Appropriation	21,395.00
State School Fund	11,520.55
Miscellaneous	138.77
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Total Receipts	\$ 33,203.78

EXPENDITURES

Instruction	\$ 11,831.31
Fuel	781.94
Janitor	487.00
Conveyance	7,074.60
Textbooks	323.36
Supplies	344.89
Utilities	373.73
Tuition	11,412.30
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Total Expenditures	\$ 32,629.13
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Balance	\$ 574.65

ACCOUNTS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

RECEIPTS

Balance 1952-1953	\$	80.62
Appropriation		660.00
Miscellaneous		2.91
Total	\$	743.53

EXPENDITURES

Equipment	\$	102.00
Insurance		227.02
Superintendent		403.78
Total	\$	732.80
Balance	\$	10.73

SPECIAL REPAIR ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$	1,000.00
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EXPENDITURES

Repairs	\$	685.03
Balance	\$	314.97

SPECIAL ARTICLE

Seats and Desks

Appropriation	\$	550.00
Expended, seats and desks		547.90
Balance	\$	2.10

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

February 10, 1954

1953 TAXES

Commitment	\$ 43,851.66	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 42,952.70
Abatements (see below)		141.08
Discount		205.69
Liens, recorded February 4, 1954		497.16
Uncollected (see below)		55.03
	\$ 43,851.66	\$ 43,851.66

ABATEMENTS, 1953 COMMITMENT

Arsenault, Arthur, error in ownership	\$	24.14
Colby College Pres. and Trustees, exempt		10.65
Dexter, Keith, error in ownership		2.84
Fifield Bros., error in assessment		2.49
Hughes, James, error in assessment		2.49
Keene, Harold, error in assessment		1.78
Lougee, Marion and Eileen, error in assessment		7.10
Martin, Alvo, Jr., left State		9.04
McLeod, Walter, error in assessment		14.20
McPherson, John, Veteran		3.00
Roy, Joseph, error in assessment		28.40
Vigue, Chas. & Sons, error in ownership		31.95
White, Clayton, paid in Oakland		3.00
	\$	141.08

LIENS

Resident

Breton, A. and D.	\$	99.40
Crockett, Gertrude		1.42
Corey, George		44.38
Grivois, J. L. and Ruth		40.83

Keene, Fred	40.61
Keene, Lois	31.95
McLellan, Woodrow	49.70
Painter, Bernard	23.08
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	\$ 331.37

Non-Resident

Arthur, Charles	\$ 14.20
Ellis, Luther	28.40
Kennebec Brick Co.	42.60
Wintle, A. and M. Morse	10.65
Wyman, Mildred	3.55
Woodward, Arnold	51.48
McLaughlin, James	14.91
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	\$ 165.79

UNCOLLECTED

Kennebec Brick Co. (personal)	\$ 42.60
Bernard Giguere	12.43
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	\$ 55.03

Poll taxes collected 100%.

Commitment collected 98.7%.

1953 SUPPLEMENT

Committed, August 1, 1953	\$ 95.01	
Committed, February 6, 1954	27.00	
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	\$ 122.01	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 97.83
Discount		.43
Abatements* (see below)		6.00
Uncollected* (see below)		17.75
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	\$ 122.01	\$ 122.01

ABATEMENTS

James McFadden, Paid in Belgrade	\$	3.00
William Breton, Paid in Augusta		3.00
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	\$	6.00

UNCOLLECTED

Benway, Lucy and Palmer, Mrs. Roe	\$	7.10
Lane, Melvin		10.65
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	\$	17.75

Liens will be placed against the uncollected unless paid before April 15, 1954.

1952 TAXES

Balance due Feb. 10, 1953	\$	52.54	
Paid Treasurer			\$ 52.54
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EXCISE TAXES

1953, Receipts No. 113-450,			
15901-15906	\$	2,933.15	
1954, Receipts No. 1-125		1,159.66	
Paid Treasurer			\$ 4,092.81
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	\$	4,092.81	\$ 4,092.81

1954 TAXES

Tax Clubs	\$	34.91	
Paid Treasurer			\$ 34.91
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Respectfully submitted,

ALICE L. HAMMOND,

Collector

TOWN FAIR REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand Feb. 10, 1953	\$ 351.18
Interest	7.02
Premium booklets	192.00
Pine Tree Tractor	10.00
E. H. Gleason	2.00
Pinkham and Gray	5.00
Horse Pulling	80.00
Ground Rent	85.00
Horse Show	4.00
Received from Town	100.00
Received from dance	182.60
Received from tickets	24.30

Expenses

Orchestra	\$ 30.00	
Constable	8.00	
Premiums	204.50	
Switch box	8.11	
Lumber	20.20	
Queen prizes	28.03	
Baby prizes, ribbons, paper, misc.	32.77	
Posters and Postage	13.86	
Insurance	22.50	
Class B Horse Show	5.10	
Drag head and bolts	25.35	
Horse Show judge	10.00	
Tax on Dance	30.40	
Hallowell Press	109.50	
Lawrence Peterson	12.50	
Hodges Badges	25.32	
Applause meter	1.00	
Judges	5.00	
Advertising and janitor	8.48	
Unexpended.	442.48	
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	\$1,043.10	\$1,043.10

The Fair Committee wish to thank the Town of Sidney for their support the past year, and since the Fair Association has a balance of \$442.48 we feel that \$50.00 will be sufficient to take care of Fair expenses this coming year. We have made new stalls and have bought a new switch box, the box to care for the extra load on the electrical system. A drag for horse pulling was made during 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

RITA LATHE,
Secretary

REPORT OF MEMORIAL DAY FUND

Receipts

Received from Town (appropriation)	\$ 20.00
Refund from Velina Ellis	
(Amount of appropriation not used)	6.00

Expenses

Paid Speaker	\$ 10.00	
Paid for opening Hall	1.00	
Paid for care of lot	3.00	
Amount of appropriation not used	6.00	
Unexpended	6.00	
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	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00

I wish to thank the VFW of Oakland and the citizens of Sidney that helped with the program. As there are only two dozen flags on hand, I recommend that the Town raise the sum of \$45.00 for the Memorial Day Fund for 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

VELINA D. ELLIS,
Secretary

REPORT OF FLAGPOLE COMMITTEE

Donations:

Flagpole, Roy Bacon
 Cut and delivered, Alfred Pelotte
 Paint, oil, fittings, Jessamine Benson
 Concrete, Charles Whynot
 Lumber for forms, Walter Haskell
 Bolts, George M. Ellis
 Forms and concrete work, Robert Austin
 Excavating for concrete, George Potter, Henry Ouellette
 Sand, Malcolm Philbrick
 Rocks, trucking, extra material, E. Gerry Graves
 Delivery of water for cement, Center Sidney Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.
 Mixing concrete, Dale Austin, Dwain Austin, Roger Wright, Malcolm
 D. Philbrick, Loren Philbrick

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all that helped in this program and acknowledge the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berryman in presenting the beautiful flag to be used on this pole.

Respectfully submitted,

VELINA D. ELLIS

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

Number of births: 8 Number of marriages: 8

The following list includes the names of residents and non-residents who have died in Sidney, also deaths from other localities to the place of residence, birth or burial.

	Deaths	30
1953		
Feb. 13	Emma V. Woodcock	age 97 years
Mar. 8	Mary L. Breton	age 83 years
Mar. 20	James E. Matthews	age 78 years
Mar. 27	Rose E. Shaw	age 85 years
Apr. 9	William T. Adams	age 81 years
May 6	Lizzie H. Barr	age 67 years

May 9	Eugene G. Graves	age 84 years	
May 23	Deborah L. Turner	age	3 mos.
May 29	Charles A. Graves	age 82 years	
June 11	Louis Loubell	age 69 years	
June 14	Henry Tuttle	age 68 years	
June 17	Thomas J. Lagree	age 83 years	
July 7	Bertha B. Wheeler	age 70 years	
July 9	Oliver E. Hall	age 89 years	
Aug. 4	Joseph O. Valliere	age 82 years	
Aug. 6	Abbie O. Tillson	age 95 years	
Aug. 14	Alfred J. Snow	age 26 years	
Aug. 15	Augustus E. Wentworth	age 74 years	
Aug. 16	Arthur Pope	age 78 years	
Aug. 27	Juanita V. Berube	age 1 year	9 mos.
Oct. 2	Clara S. Wilshire	age 82 years	
Oct. 15	Maud V. Gibb	age 67 years	
Nov. 10	Molly Sappier	age 72 years	
Nov. 11	Frank M. Brooks	age 75 years	
Nov. 18	Gertrude Crockett	age 78 years	
Nov. 25	Norma Smalley	age 62 years	
1954			
Jan. 3	Earl C. Flanders	age 30 years	
Jan. 6	John Reynolds	age 80 years	
Jan. 19	Carrie M. Corbett	age 73 years	
Jan. 21	Effie M. Norris	age 72 years	

NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED — 1953

Males	93
Spayed females	52
Females	25
Kennels	2
Dead	6

To the voters who so loyally supported me the past year, my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. PEARL F. SMITH,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF ROAD PLANNING COMMITTEE

Appropriation	\$	500.00
Transferred from Excise Tax		2,500.00
Expended by Committee	\$2,998.87	
Unexpended	1.13	
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	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

All members of the Road Planning Committee were present at a meeting held at the Town Hall, April 19, 1953 and after due consideration the following allotments were issued to the Road Commissioner, who was authorized to begin work as soon as it was considered practical.

	Allocated	Spent
Mills Road	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Field Road	300.00	472.26
Town Farm Road	400.00	394.34
Minot, Hallett, Goodhue Road's	600.00	584.35
Quaker Road, North of Bartlett Road	200.00	199.40
Shephard Road	200.00	210.64
Reynolds Hill Road	100.00	106.04
Church Road	50.00	49.90
Dinsmore Road	100.00	139.08
Philbrick Road	150.00	149.88
Quaker Road, South of Bartlett Road	100.00	98.96
Blake Road	100.00	78.04
Quaker Road, near West Sidney	200.00	200.00
For unallocated work	300.00	
Culverts		115.98
Unexpended		1.13
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	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

We urged that ditching and other preparing be done from Highways and Bridges Funds and that this money, except the last \$300.00 mentioned, not to be used for bush cutting, bulldozing, etc. but entirely for gravel.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE R. LATHE,
Chairman

REPORT OF CENTER SIDNEY VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Feb. 10, 1953 — Feb. 10, 1954

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Sidney:

During the last year we have answered several fires in Sidney and one in the Town of Manchester, it being near the Town Line.

The cooperation I have received from many of the Company members in answering fire calls and in making repairs on truck, etc., was complete and much appreciated. Members of the Fire Co. and others have practically finished the firehouse which will probably be heated next year.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE R. LATHE,
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE WEST RIVER ROAD VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

To the Selectmen and citizens of the Town of Sidney:

The West River Road Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. has spent as follows the \$200.00 given them by the Town in 1953:

Necessary repairs to the Fire Truck
For Gasoline and oil
A hydraulic wheel-jack and wrench
Repairs to portable pump
Liability insurance for truck
Portable light
Re-capping of front tire and spare
Repair to Forestry Pump

For the above we spent \$200.25.

We have made ten fire calls, and hauled water for dry wells thirteen times.

We, the residents of the West River Road, wish to thank the citizens of our Town for the financial help given us, and would appreciate financial help again this year.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVILLE TANNER,

Fire Chief

REPORT OF LAKESHORE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Sidney:

Number of fire calls answered 13.

We hauled several loads of water to different wells in Town due to the very dry spell.

Expenditure of \$200.00 received from Town as follows:

Maintenance and insurance	\$	153.30
Equipment for truck		48.60
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	\$	201.90

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT McCORMACK,

Chief

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Sidney:

During the year 1952-1953, I have visited 15 homes and several of the schools in regard to communicable diseases and other illnesses. I also attended several of the Local Health Officer's Association meetings in District III.

My expenditures are as follows:

Transportation — 85 miles at 10 cents a mile	\$ 8.50
Telephone toll calls	2.00
30 hours work at 65 cents an hour	19.50
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	\$ 30.00

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DONALD GRAVES, R. N.

Local Health Officer

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE SERVICE**FOR THE TOWN OF SIDNEY**

For The Year Ending December 31, 1953

A total of 18 nursing days were spent in your town. The Child Health Conferences, discontinued during the winter months, were resumed in May. Audiometer testing in the schools from the fourth grade and up was done. A study by the Local Health Council of the Public Health Nursing Services highlighted by a field trip to the Department of Health and Welfare was completed.

Our Child Health Conference service is still a very worthwhile program. There were 8 held this year with a total attendance of 86; the number of physical examinations given were 80; children vaccinated against smallpox were 14, and those protected against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus were 15. The total cost of the program to the town is the very small sum spent for the immunizing agents. All other services such as transportation and volunteer help at conference is sponsored by local health council members.

The number of school visits were 7. Audiometer testing, assisted by a member of the council, was done with 91 children being tested, 26 of which showed varying degrees of hearing loss. Arrangements are being made for examination and treatment by private physicians or through clinic facilities.

The Health Council plans to study the over-all School Health Program as set up by the Department of Education as their project this year. With a more complete understanding of the program, each member feels the council may be able to contribute toward a better correlation of school and family health, by working with both groups toward mutual understanding and correction of difficulties.

This year, your town will again be the host of all Health Councils within District III, and will plan the District's Annual Meeting.

In closing, I wish to tell you that I am proud to have the privilege of working with you.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE S. NOLLET,

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVALUATION

This committee was appointed at last year's annual meeting to investigate the cost of a revaluation of Real Estate in Sidney.

After consultation with the State Bureau of Taxation and Knowles Associates of Northeast Harbor, we obtained a figure of not over \$4,500 for a complete revaluation of land and buildings.

This would include an appraisal of all buildings and a review of land values without the expense of a complete survey and mapping of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE DRUMMOND

ERNEST WYMAN

FRANCIS CLARK

DEAN BAILEY

ELDON DYER

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appropriations	Article	Recommended
1953	for 1954	1954
\$ 20.00	4. Memorial Day	\$ 45.00
100.00	5. Health Nurse	100.00
4,000.00	6. Town Charges	4,000.00
500.00	7. Aid to Dependent Children	500.00
1,000.00	8. Support of Poor	1,000.00
	9. Publicity Bureau	
100.00	10. Town Fair	50.00
	12. Blister Rust	
1,066.00	15. State Aid Construction	1,066.00
500.00	18. Road Planning	500.00
	Transfer \$2,500.00 from excise	
3,200.00	19. Highways and Bridges	3,200.00
	\$200.00 to be reserved for winter use	
7,685.00	20. Winter Highways	6,486.00
	21. Transfer gravel money	yes
600.00	22. Fire Departments	
	Transfer \$600.00 from excise	
50.00	23. Civil Defense	
	Take from cash on hand sum of money not to exceed \$350.00 if and when emergency arises.	
	24. Accept \$8.00 for matured tax lien	yes
	25. Sell Gravel Pit for \$1,000.00	
	26. Salaries for Town Officials	
	27. Wages for road employees	
	32. Revaluation	
21,395.00	33. Common School Fund	23,150.00
660.00	34. Special School Fund	734.00
1,000.00	37. Repairs for schools	
550.00	38. Seats and desks	550.00
	39. School fund in trust (minimum)	2,000.00
	40. Paper cups for schools	
	41. Donations for Capital Reserve	yes
150.00	43. Calcium chloride	150.00
<hr/> \$ 42,576.00		<hr/> \$ 43,531.00

DEAN BAILEY, Chairman

MARY PHILBRICK, Secretary

AUDITOR'S REPORT

October 14, 1953

Board of Selectmen

Sidney,

Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Sidney have been audited for the fiscal year ended February 10, 1953.

The examination was made by Auditors L. J. Hann and P. H. Allen in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to municipal accounting. Audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exception as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY,

State Auditor

FMB/djt

COMMENTS

TOWN OF SIDNEY

FEBRUARY 11, 1952 TO FEBRUARY 10, 1953

An audit of the books and records of the Town of Sidney has been completed for the municipal year ended February 10, 1953. The audit included an examination of the records maintained by the Assessors, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector.

The examination consisted of a review of cash transactions as well as an analysis of available funds and expenditures. The result of the year's operations showed that available funds exceeded expenditures by \$2,096.79. However, an overdraft of \$756.06 was noted in the town charges account. Unexpended balances and overdrafts are as follows:

Unexpended Balances	\$3,136.10
Overdrafts	1,039.31
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Net Unexpended Balances	\$2,096.79

The Department of Attorney General has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute except in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities and then only to the extent of 15% of the highway appropriation.

Available Funds and Expenditures

A comparative statement of available funds and expenditures, (Exhibit B), disclosed that for the current year available funds increased by \$1,628.47 over the previous year. This was due principally to funds available from the prior year's balances. Expenditures for the same period decreased by \$1,236.16 which was due to several increases and decreases in various accounts. Following is a summary of these differences as compared with the 1951 municipal year:

Increased Available Funds

Real, Personal and Poll Taxes	(\$2,268.78)
State of Maine	1,452.91
Carrying Balances (net)	3,819.14
Other Accounts (net)	(1,374.80)
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Net Increase	\$1,628.47
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Decreased Expenditures

Protection	\$1,500.00
Highways and Bridges	(2,375.40)
Charities	1,155.56
Education	(3,607.80)
State Tax	3,917.47
Other Accounts (net)	646.33
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Net Decrease	\$1,236.16
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Reserves and Surplus

From the examination of the departmental accounts it was determined that the net unexpended balances carried forward to the ensuing year totaled \$345.41, (Exhibit D).

At the year end the unappropriated surplus totaled \$8,025.45, or an increase of \$2,097.50. This change was occasioned principally by the excess of available funds over expenditures.

Trust and Reserve Funds

From the examination of trust fund transactions it was ascertained that earnings of the various funds totaled \$72.82 for the year. Expenditures for the same period amounted to \$9.52. At the close of the year trust fund principals of \$3,560.26 and unexpended income of \$393.24 were represented by time deposits in the Depositors Trust Company and the Augusta Savings Bank. It was also noted that new trust funds totaling \$251.66 were pending acceptance by the townspeople.

The capital reserve fund, established for school building purposes, totaled \$6,608.60 at the close of the year and is on deposit in the Kennebec Savings Bank and the Augusta Savings Bank.

General

Deferred charges, representing anticipated state share of state aid road construction, amounted to \$8,541.87 at the year end, a decrease of \$2,518.70 as compared with the previous year. This decrease was occasioned by the receipt of anticipated funds from the state. Deferred appropriations, also in conjunction with state aid road construction, reduced by \$1,066.00, as a result of a town appropriation. Anticipated town appropriations totaled \$4,463.19 at the close of the municipal year.

From the examination of the town clerk's records it was determined that the transfer of excise tax monies to highway accounts had been authorized by the townspeople.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Count of cash was made and records were checked to determine the correctness of handling cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. Available funds and expenditures were examined by methods and to the extent deemed necessary. Letters of verification were utilized to determine the correctness of tax and tax lien accounts. Notes payable were confirmed by direct contact with the bank. Excise tax collections were verified by examination of the copies of the receipts retained by the collector. Trust and reserve fund transactions were reviewed. Insurance and bond coverages were examined.

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the town. Audit procedures deemed necessary were followed in developing these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheet and supporting statements fairly present the financial position of the town at February 10, 1953, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

TOWN OF SIDNEY
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

February 10, 1953 February 10, 1952

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

Cash.		
Demand Deposits	\$ 4,900.97	
Time Deposits		
(Schedule A-1)	251.66	
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	\$ 5,152.63	\$ 5,708.53
Accounts Receivable		67.25
Taxes Receivable (Schedule A-2)	52.54	431.84
Tax Liens (Schedule A-3)	1,076.78	309.45
Deferred Charges (Schedule A-4)	8,541.87	11,060.57
Deferred Appropriations (Schedule A-4)	4,463.19	5,529.19
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TOTAL — GENERAL FUND	\$ 19,287.01	\$ 23,106.83
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TRUST AND RESERVE FUNDS

ASSETS

Capital Reserve Fund:		
Time Deposits (Schedule A-7)	\$ 6,608.60	\$ 6,454.78
Trust Funds:		
Time Deposits (Schedule A-8)	3,953.50	3,890.20
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TOTAL — TRUST AND RESERVE FUNDS	\$ 10,562.10	\$ 10,344.98

February 10, 1953 February 10, 1952

GENERAL FUND

LIABILITIES

Due Governmental Agencies (Schedule A-5)	\$ 135.55	\$ 236.41
Trust Funds Pending Acceptance (Schedule A-1)	251.66	
Notes Payable (Schedule A-6)	6,700.00	10,400.00
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Total Liabilities	7,087.21	10,636.41
Deferred Credit — Prepaid Taxes		26.50

RESERVES

Excise Taxes	\$ 3,828.94	\$ 2,916.58
Authorized Expenditures (Exhibit D)	345.41	3,599.39
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Total Reserves	4,174.35	6,515.97

SURPLUS

Unappropriated (Exhibit C)	8,025.45	5,927.95
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TOTAL — GENERAL FUND	\$ 19,287.01	\$ 23,106.83

TRUST AND RESERVE FUNDS

LIABILITIES

Capital Reserve Fund:		
School Building (Schedule A-7)	\$ 6,608.60	\$ 6,454.78
Trust Funds:		
Principals (Schedule A-8)	\$ 3,560.26	\$ 3,560.26
Unexpended Income (Schedule A-8)	393.24	329.94
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Total Trust Funds	3,953.50	3,890.20
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TOTAL — TRUST AND RESERVE FUNDS	\$ 10,562.10	\$ 10,344.98

Exhibit B

TOWN OF SIDNEY
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES
YEARS ENDED FEBRUARY 10,

	1953	1952	1951
REVENUES:			
Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	\$ 38,890.68	\$ 41,159.46	\$ 38,575.87
Supplemental Taxes	95.80	185.85	107.88
Excise Taxes	3,997.16	3,971.98	3,311.28
State of Maine	17,280.69	15,827.78	17,634.09
Other Towns' Poor	6.00	66.00	18.75
Town Property	110.00	40.00	40.00
Costs and Interest	42.08	37.90	58.75
Interest on Sinking Fund			10.17
Trust Fund Income	9.52	66.84	62.71
Rentals	59.00	111.00	90.00
Tuition and Supplies	106.33		55.80
Forest Fire Reimbursements			38.33
Sale of Supplies	40.00	109.25	
Refunds	86.88		
Miscellaneous	15.27	19.25	15.23
TOTAL REVENUES	60,739.41	61,595.31	60,018.86
ADD:			
Carrying Balances Expended	3,253.98		3,603.23
Deferred Appropriations State Aid Road		1,114.19	4,029.24
Transferred from Surplus		1,500.00	3,485.80
	13,993.39	64,209.50	71,137.13

DEDUCT:

Revenue Applicable to Deferred Appropriations	1,066.00			
Revenue Applicable to Appropriation Carrying Balances		565.16		
Transfer to Surplus		1,785.80		
Transfer to Excise Tax Reserve	912.36	1,471.98		
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS				
		\$ 62,015.03	\$ 60,386.56	\$ 71,137.13
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	4,140.31	3,534.95		4,808.49
Protection		1,500.00		
Health and Sanitation	100.00	100.00		100.00
Highways and Bridges	20,134.37	17,758.97		27,230.33
Charities	1,658.79	2,814.35		3,682.29
Education	32,310.42	28,702.62		29,088.71
Cemeteries	9.52	66.84		94.62
Special Assessment	831.60	4,749.07		4,457.36
Unclassified	733.23	1,927.60		1,584.77
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		59,918.24	61,154.40	71,046.57

EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS

OVER EXPENDITURES

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES

OVER AVAILABLE FUNDS

	\$ 2,096.79		\$ 90.56
		\$ 767.84	

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Labor	21,586.90	Land and road	2,500.00
Fill, cement, labor, excavation	1,000.00	Grading	1,073.13
Heating & plumbing	9,183.95	Desks and chairs	2,567.46
Automatic heat control	1,120.00	Vacuum cleaner	164.01
Electrical	2,599.82	Folding chairs	482.26
Blinds	614.79	Refrigeration Unit	385.00
Flooring	1,824.92	General Equipment	73.44
Ventilation & duct work	1,500.00	Building and liability insurance	845.25
Lumber	8,429.35	Miscellaneous	387.79
Building Material	12,428.37	6 months interest	593.75
	<u>50,288.10</u>		<u>9,172.09</u>

COST OF MANCHESTER SCHOOL

Excavation and grading	3,666.00
Septic tank and sewers	1,794.00
Concrete work	7,098.00
Chimney	936.00
Rough Lumber	16,068.00
Shingles and flashing	2,106.00
Asphalt floor tile	4,602.00
Millwork and finish including doors	26,442.00
Wainscoting	624.00
Rough hardware	2,340.00
Painting and glazing	1,404.00
Electrical	1,560.00
Plumbing	2,808.00
Heating	6,552.00
	<u>78,000.00</u>

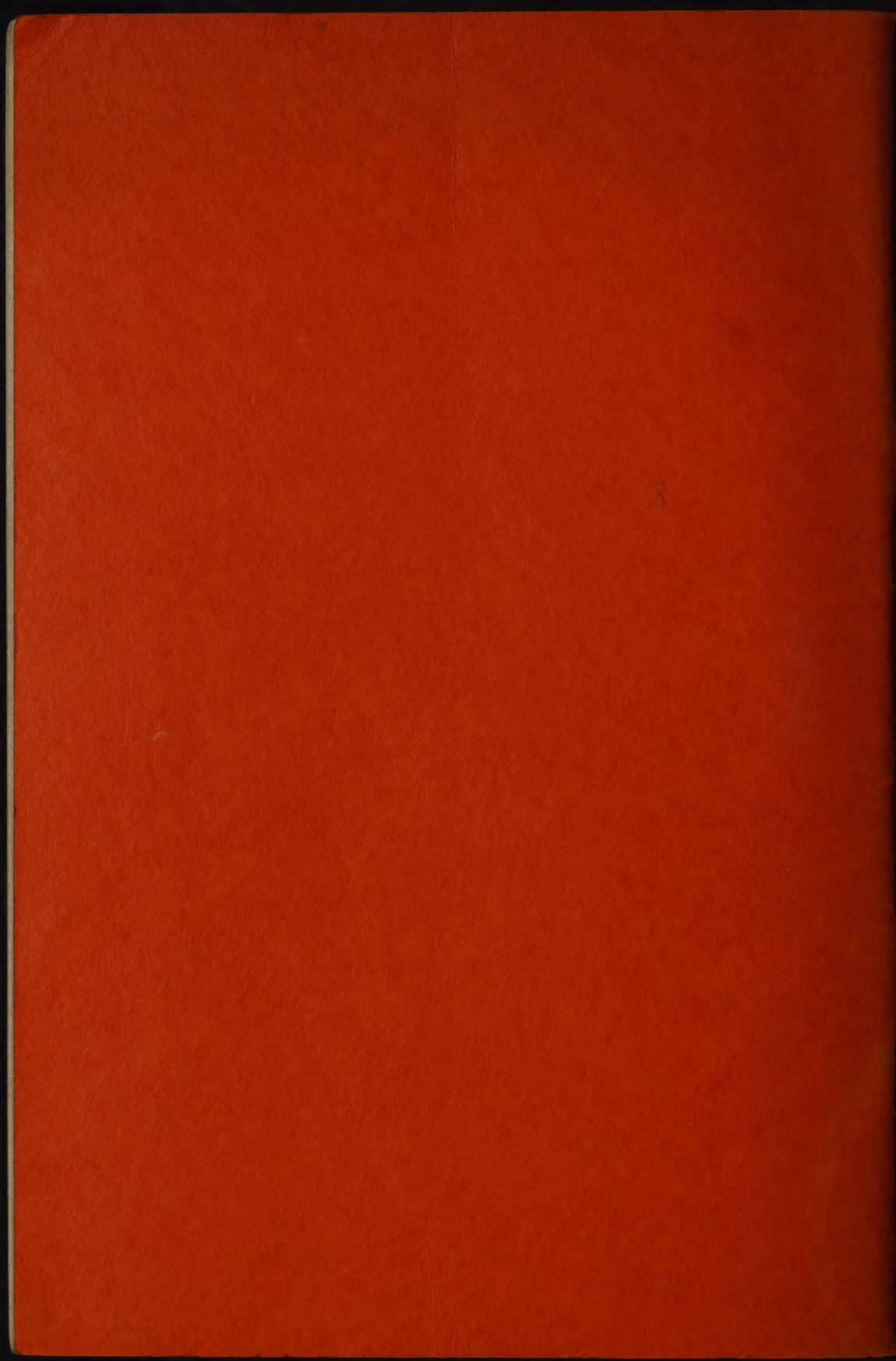
We chose these two schools as typical of what Sidney might build. The Albion school has 6 class rooms and a large room used for cafeteria and recreation. It could be made into two more class rooms if needed. The Building Committee purchased the materials.

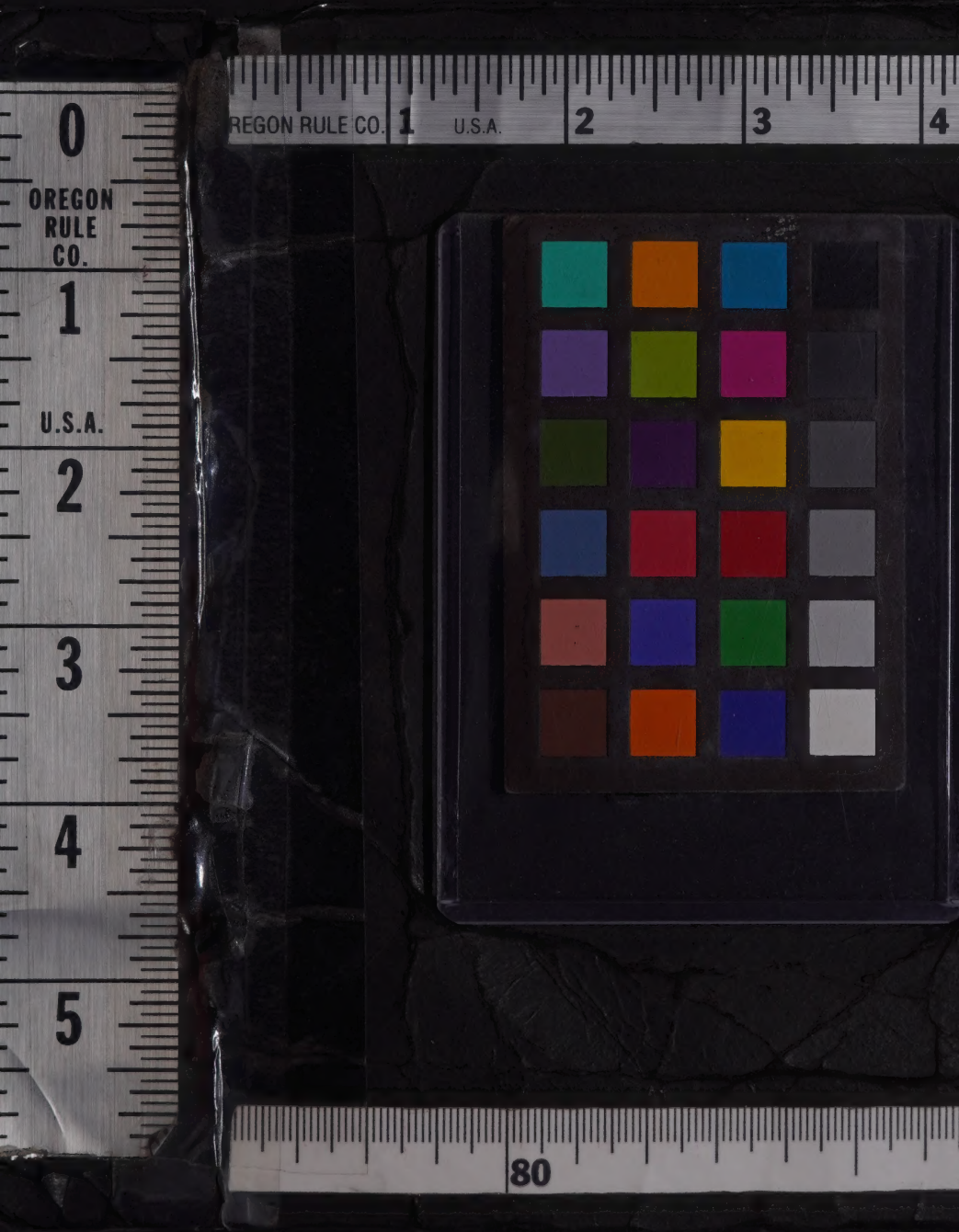
The Manchester school has four rooms and an auditorium or the equivalent of six rooms. This school was built by contract and materials furnished by contractor.

We checked the transportation problem and found that the same busses would be sufficient and depending on where the school was located, there would be little, if any, change in mileage.

REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

20 yrs.	25 yrs.	20 yrs.	25 yrs.		
Eight Room Building-62,000.00		Six Room Building-43,000.			
First Annual Payment					
On principal	3,100.00	2,480.00	2,150.00	1,720.00	
Interest-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,014.00	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,170.00	1,397.50	1,505.00
Administrative Exp.	157.50	157.50	135.00	135.00	
Insurance	983.11	983.11	833.11	833.11	
	<u>6,254.61</u>	<u>5,790.61</u>	<u>4,515.61</u>	<u>4,193.11</u>	
2nd year	6,153.86	2nd year	5,714.66	4,445.73	4,132.91
3rd "	6,053.11	3rd	5,638.71	4,375.85	4,072.71
4th "	5,952.36	4th	5,562.76	4,305.97	4,012.51
5th "	5,851.61	5th	5,486.81	4,236.09	3,952.31
6th "	5,750.86	6th	5,410.86	4,166.21	3,892.11
7th "	5,650.11	7th	5,334.91	4,096.33	3,831.91
8th "	5,549.36	8th	5,258.96	4,026.45	3,771.71
9th "	5,448.61	9th	5,183.01	3,956.57	3,711.51
10th "	5,347.86	10th	5,107.06	3,886.69	3,651.31
11th "	5,247.11	11th	5,031.11	3,816.81	3,591.11
12th "	5,146.36	12th	4,955.16	3,746.93	3,530.91
13th "	5,045.61	13th	4,879.21	3,677.05	3,470.71
14th "	4,944.86	14th	4,803.26	3,607.17	3,410.51
15th "	4,844.11	15th	4,727.31	3,537.29	3,350.31
16th "	4,743.36	16th	4,651.36	3,467.41	3,290.11
17th "	4,642.61	17th	4,575.41	3,397.53	3,229.91
18th "	4,541.86	18th	4,499.46	3,327.65	3,169.71
19th "	4,441.11	19th	4,423.51	3,257.77	3,109.51
20th "	4,340.36	20th	4,347.56	3,187.89	3,049.31
		21st	4,271.61		2,989.11
		22nd	4,195.66		2,928.91
		23rd	4,119.71		2,868.71
		24th	4,043.76		2,808.51
		25th	3,967.81		2,748.31





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